

Bath Chair Letter of Medical Necessity

J.T. 123 Main Street Anywhere USA 12345 (800) 555-2222 Physician: Dr. T. Jones Therapist: B. Smith

Insurance: Anthem BC/BS

Secondary Insurance: Medicaid Policy #: 987654321

Policy #: 123456789

DOB: 01/01/2015

Duration of Need: Lifetime

Diagnosis: Cerebral Palsy, Muscle Weakness, Developmental Delay

Height: 30" Weight: 28 lbs.

The following is medical necessity justification for an Ultima Bath Chair for JT. JT is a 2 year old male with a primary diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy and Muscle Weakness with a history of developmental delays. JT's highest level of gross motor skills is static sitting. He presents with tendencies to fall forward, to the side, and backward without exhibiting any appropriate protective reactions.

I am JT's primary outpatient physical therapist. I see JT once per week for physical therapy. I have been working with JT for approximately 1 year. I have worked with children for 10 years both in the clinical and school settings. I have recommended all types of rehabilitation equipment for clients over that period of time including numerous adaptive bathing systems.

JT currently does not have any adaptive equipment at home. At home JT is confined to his bed or the floor. In the tub, JT is at risk for falling over and sustaining injury. JT does not have any adaptive positioning product suitable for bathing. I am recommending that JT receive an Ultima Bath Chair with Lateral Support Pads and Head Support. The Ultima bath chair will provide JT an appropriate level of support to allow him to be safe while bathing. Without the recommended bath chair, it will not be possible to safely bath and care for JT's hygiene requirements. I have evaluated JT for the bath chair in our clinic. The Ultima fits well, provides the required support, has adjustable tilt and recline angles for ease of bathing, and will accommodate several years of growth.

We have looked at and considered other bath chair options, however, the Ultima provided JT with the most support and growth adjustability. The other options did not provide enough trunk support, nor did the legs adjust in the same manner to offer the tilt and recline positions required to allow safe use by JT. The Ultima was also the least costly alternative that could perform all of the functions required for JT.

It is the goal of JT and his primary caregivers for him to be safe during bathing and hygiene activities. For all of the above reasons, it is recommended that JT be provided an Ultima bath chair with the specified accessories.	
Mr. or Mrs. Physical Therapist	Dr. Doctor
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